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Inventor: Ingo Hutter  
Application No.: 10/531,775  
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Title: Method For Managing Logical Connections In A Network of  
Distributed Stations As Well As A Network Station.  
Examiner: Ali, Farhad  
Art Unit: 2109  
Customer No. 24498

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 4, 2007, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending August 4, 2007, was set in which to respond and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a one-month extension, ending September 4, 2007, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully submitted.

Please charge the required fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) for extending the time for a response within the first month after the original response date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit Account 07-0832. Please charge any other fees owed in connection with this response to this Deposit Account, as well.

**Listing/Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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AV connection with the station which is logged off" as recited in claim 1 of the present invention.

In view of the above remarks it is respectfully submitted that there is no 35 USC 112 compliant enabling disclosure contained within Gandhi and Rozenfeld when taken alone or in combination, that make the present claimed invention unpatentable. As claims 4 and 10 are dependent on claims 1 and 7, respectively it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also patentable over Gandhi and Rozenfeld. Claims 1 and 7 include similar features to those discussed above. In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable. Therefore, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,  
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